Expenditure on the Temple-Entry Committee.

213. ✻MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Temple-Entry Committee submitted its report to the Government ;

(*b*) when appointing the Committee, what estimate the Government had made of its probable expenditure and

(*c*) the sum that has been actually spent on it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) 9th Medam 1109.

(*b*) Rs. 8,882.

(*c*) Rs. 10,001-20-12 till the end of Meenam 1109.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): I put the same question in the Karkatakam session of the Assembly. I was given an answer that the expenditure was Rs. 17,000. Now I am given a different answer.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer supplied then is not before me now. Evidently, there is a mistake somewhere.

Trivandrum Electric Supply.

214 ✻MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the voltage at which electric lights and electric fans are supplied in Trivandrum ;

(*b*) whether any variation occurs in this voltage ;

(*c*) if so, between what limits :

(*d*) whether the earth wires, support wires, etc., are being regularly tested for leakage ; and

(*e*) if so. at what intervals and by what means ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 230 A. C.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Plus or minus 5 per cent.

(*d*) They are tested periodically.

(*e*) At least twice a month and resistance tests are carried out by Drop of Potential method or by Bridge Megger.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : In answer to part (*b*), may I know the cause for this variation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to explain, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I do not want an explanation. What is the cause of variation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : In answer to part (*e*), may I know what is the mechanism used for testing the leakage ?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Two mechanisms are mentioned, Drop of Potential method or Bridge Megger.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I have asked the question by what means?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): By means of these two instruments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I do not want an answer for the methods employed. I want to know the mechanism used for making this experiment.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have answered it, Sir.

Accidents due to electric shock.

215. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of deaths caused by shocks received from the town electric lighting mains since the introduction of electric supply in the town;

(*b*) whether the Electrical Chief Engineer has investigated the cause of any accident:

(*c*) if so, the result of his investigation: and

(*d*) if not, why he did not investigate the causes of these accidents?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Two.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In the first case, the death was due to the victim working on live line in spite of warning not to do so, and in the second case to the victim touching a stay wire which was made live by leakage.

(*d*) In view of the answer to (*c*), this does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government have got information only about two cases of death in the town by electric shock?

PRESIDENT: That is obvious. The answer says that Government have information only about this. You can draw your own inference from that.

Personal Assistant to the Electrical Engineer.

216. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the appointment of a Personal Assistant to the Electrical Engineer was recommended to, and when it was sanctioned by, the Government

(*b*) whether the State Council or the Sri Mulam Assembly was holding its session during that period;

(*c*) whether any fund was provided in the Budget for the appointment;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same;

(*e*) whether the person appointed for the place was in Travancore service prior to such appointment and, if so, the period of his service in Travancore and

(*f*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter of this appointment?

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